

# The Bethel News.

VOLUME X.—NUMBER 40.

BETHEL, MAINE, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 1905.

PRICE THREE CENTS.

## Flannelette Wrappers

### Marked Down.

Our entire stock of Flannelette Wrappers, all the Domestic are marked down. You can save money on these, and when it is cold enough to wear them. The colors are reds, blues, and silver grays. Mostly 38, 40, 42, 44, 46.

The \$1.00 grade, now **\$0.79**.  
The 1.25 grade, now **0.98**.  
The 1.50 grade, now **1.19**.

We also have a good line of the heavy print and percale at \$1.00 1.25 and \$1.75. Remember ours is the "Domestic" perfect in fit.

### Flannelette.

Our line of Flannelette is marked down. Many pretty patterns, all colors.

The 10c. grade, now **7 1/2** cts.  
The 12 1/2c. grade, now **10** cts.  
The 15c. grade, now **12 1/2** cts.

These goods are very pretty for Waists and Wrappers. All Fancy Outing marked down, now 8 cents.

### Skirts.

We have a good line of Walking Skirts in mixtures.

ONE LOT neat mixture, brown shades, plaited bottom, flannel, was \$4.98, now \$3.98.

*Thomas Smiley*

Telephone 112-2.

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NORWAY MAINE.

United States Casualty Company.

141 BROADWAY, NEW YORK CITY.

Assets December 31, 1904.

Real Estate	\$ 5,000.00
Mortgage Loans	5,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,608,603.75
Cash in Office and Bank	36,414.27
Bills Receivable	978.62
Interest and Rents	13,833.58
All other Assets	86,847.67
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$1,758,697.89</b>
Deduct Items not Admitted	978.62
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$1,757,719.27</b>
Liabilities December 31, 1904.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 132,042.00
Unearned Premiums	510,635.25
All other Liabilities	116,023.02
Cash Capital	300,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	700,000.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$1,758,697.27</b>

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The American Fire Insurance Co.,

PHILADELPHIA, PA.

Assets December 31, 1904.

Real Estate	\$ 366,217.44
Mortgage Loans	729,483.48
Collateral Loans	1,450.00
Stocks and Bonds	1,878,607.17
Cash in Office and Bank	181,354.40
Agents' Balances	214,680.59
Interest and Rents	15,052.74
All other Assets	18,000.00
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>2,838,795.80</b>
Admitted Assets	2,838,795.80
Liabilities December 31, 1904.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 188,561.81
Unearned Premiums	1,082,556.50
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	222,077.40
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$2,838,792.80</b>

L. H. VEILLEUX, Agent,

Rumford Falls, Me.

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Hartford Fire Insurance Company.

Assets Dec. 31, 1904.

Real Estate	\$ 946,500
Mortgage Loans	696,794
Collateral Loans	4,800
Stocks and Bonds	10,780,796.05
Cash in Office and Bank	807,426.43
Agents' Balances	1,219,835.84
Interest and Rents	11,651.87
All other Assets	41,168.50
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$14,511,942.75</b>
Deduct Items not admitted	1,704.41
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$14,510,238.34</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1904.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 711,635.94
Unearned Premiums	9,051,314.13
Cash Capital	1,250,000
Surplus over all Liabilities	3,497,288.27
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$14,510,238.34</b>

FREELAND HOWE, Agent,

Norway, Maine.

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CASORIA.

The Kind You Have Always Bought

Signature

Chas. H. Little

## THE NEWS ABOUT TOWN

### ITEMS OF INTEREST PICKED UP BY THE NEWS MAN.

Washington's birthday.

Mrs. E. L. Arno spent a few days in Lewiston last week.

Mrs. A. E. Herrick was in Portland a few days last week.

Miss Ethel Richardson is visiting friends and relatives in Norway.

Mrs. Mary Brackett who has been ill for some time, is said to be gaining.

Mrs. Henry L. Hunt of Woodfords, spent a few days in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward King are the recipients of congratulations. It is a son.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Edwards entertained a party at whist Thursday evening of last week.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will meet with Mrs. N. F. Brown on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. H. Young, a delegate from the W. R. C. to the meeting in Lewiston, spent a day in Norway, last week.

Miss Nell Preble who has been in the Maine General Hospital at Portland, returned to Dr. Sturdivant's, Monday.

Miss Bessie F. Stanley who is attending Shaw's Business College in Portland, came home Saturday, returning to-day.

We are glad to report a marked improvement in the condition of Mrs. E. C. Rowe who was operated upon two weeks ago for appendicitis.

Miss Cleo A. Russell, who teaches the grammar school in Welchville, closed a most successful term of school last Friday. She is now visiting friends in Casco.

Owing to the illness of the pastor there was no preaching service at the Methodist church, last Sunday. Today's news from the sick room is to the effect that he is a little better.

A small sum of money was found on the street Monday by Guy Morgan and brought to the News office. The owner may have the same by calling and proving claim.

Miss Etta Howe of Hanover, was the guest of Mrs. G. F. Bartlett, Monday and Tuesday. Miss Howe has a large class in music, made up of pupils from Hanover, Rumford and Andover.

Miss Edith G. Cross and Miss Ivie Brown attended the Basket Ball game in Berlin last Friday played by the team from Gould's Academy and Berlin High School. They returned Monday, having spent the meantime with Mrs. Fred Fuller, a cousin of Miss Cross.

Rev. Israel Jordan, a former pastor of the Congregational church, has for the past two weeks' been very ill of rheumatic fever. Latest reports note an improvement, but say that he is still a great sufferer, and almost unable to move without help. His former parishioners and friends in town unite in wishing for a speedy recovery.

Owing to the severe illness of Rev. F. C. Potter, the lecture of this evening, Feb. 22, has been postponed until March 22. Accordingly the next lecture will be that on the Russian-Japanese War by Rev. B. S. Rideout. Mr. Potter wishes, as there will be some days of convalescence, to have all engagements of his or such work as would naturally come under his care as pastor, cancelled or postponed.

As will be seen in another column of this issue, the Bethel National Bank is really a thing of existence now as far as having its necessary organization papers. There are some little details such as securing the necessary books and printed matter which will delay opening to business a little though it will be but a short time now before its doors will be open. The Atlantic Bank of Boston has been selected as the exchange agent.

The frozen water pipes are giving lots of trouble.

Dr. and Mrs. Bradbury were in town one day last week.

Wide Black Silk Belts, 50 cents; also Ruching, at Miss Stearns'.

Mr. Lester E. Bean of East Bethel was in the village this afternoon.

Dr. and Mrs. Gehring and Mrs. Weed went to Boston last week.

Miss Addie Horr is staying at Mr. Corydon Stowell's for a short time.

The Ladies' Club will meet with Mrs. Ceylon Rowe Thursday afternoon.

The many friends of Chester Bean are glad to hear of his rapid improvement.

Judge A. E. Herrick has been confined to his home by illness since last Friday.

Mr. Gale Carter is now at Weirworth Location, N. H., where he has employment.

Mrs. E. C. Park is entertaining her mother, Mrs. S. Porter Stearns of South Paris, this week.

Locked doors at the bank and post office, reminded us that this is Washington's birthday.

Miss Sara Mason returned Saturday from South Paris, where she visited Mrs. Fred Chandler.

Mr. W. C. Bryant's new stable on Summer street is fast nearing completion, despite the cold weather.

The Columbian Club will meet with Mrs. W. O. Straw Friday afternoon at the usual hour. Subject: Titian.

Remember the Basket Ball game at the G. A. Gym, Friday evening. The home team plays the South Paris High school team.

Ray Linnell of Wilson's Mills who is in town for medical treatment with Dr. Wight is very much better; he is boarding with Mrs. Frank Kendall.

In the list of officers of the junior class for Junior week at U. of M., the name of Alton W. Richardson of Bethel is noticed as curator. Two of the other officers are Oxford county boys.

Miss E. E. Burnham, who has been in business in Bethel for the past twenty-three years has sold her stock to Miss L. M. Stearns, and has employment in the office of Herrick & Park.

Frank J. Weed, '07, is again a member of the Bowdoin Mandolin-Guitar Club which, in connection with the College Glee Club made its first appearance for the year at Bangor last night.

Mrs. C. E. Arno who has been nursing in town for the past few weeks, returned to her home in Gorham, N. H., Saturday. Mr. Arno accompanied her, but returned to his work at the chair factory, Monday morning.

Mr. N. R. Springer of West Bethel, will substitute for Rev. F. C. Potter at the M. E. church next Sunday, and all the services will be held as usual. There will be a service in the vestry Friday evening at 7.30 led by H. H. Annis.

The lecture at the Methodist church last Wednesday evening, was very well attended and was very interesting. Mr. Howard Clifford, the lecturer, has made two trips across the water and knows whereof he speaks. He illustrated his talk by large photographs and souvenirs obtained while abroad, making the scenes and places of which he spoke very realistic to his audience.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. L. T. Barker Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Bisbee read a description of the statue of Frances E. Willard which was placed in Statuary Hall at the National Capital. Miss Willard is the first woman to be so honored. The statue was a gift from Illinois and was officially accepted Feb. 17. Among those delivering addresses was Congressman Littlefield of Maine. Feb. 18 the school children visited the Hall and each laid a flower at the foot of the statue, and each received a souvenir medal presented by Miss Anna Gordon.

Mrs. Frances Whitman is caring for Mrs. Edward King and young son.

E. L. Harvey '05, is one of the Bowdoin students chosen to speak in the annual Bowdoin-Amherst debate, which will be held at Amherst this year.

Remember the Colonial social at Garland chapel to-morrow evening. Those who have this function in hand are doing their best for a pleasant evening and hope to see all, young, middle age and the older people during the evening. No admittance will be charged. Be sure you are there.

An interesting bit of history is shown in the store window of Hastings Bros. It is a drawing of Bethel village as it was in 1822, and was made by T. H. Durell under the direction of Maj. G. A. Hastings, one of the oldest men in town. The streets bear names not familiar to the younger generation; but the names of inhabitants designated thereon sound familiar as many of the families of the village are descendants of the townspeople of eighty years ago.

### Prize Declamations.

The annual Prize Declamations by the students of Gould's Academy will take place in Odeon Hall, Friday evening, March 3. But six speakers will compete this year, the following having been selected: Misses Lyle Blanchard, Mabel Gleason and Edith Cross, and Messrs. John Carter, Harold Young and Fitzmaurice Vail. No second prizes will be offered this year, but two first prizes as usual. The speakers have already learned their selections, and are busy in their preparation.

The School Orchestra and Girls' Chorus which were so favorably received at the Academy Fair are preparing music for the occasion and will add much to the attractiveness of the programme. Competent judges from out of town will award the prizes. As usual one of the judges is selected by the young men speakers, one, by the young women speakers, and the third by Prin. Hanscom. The full programme will be given next week. Tickets will be on sale tomorrow at G. R. Wiley's. All seats reserved, 25 and 35 cents.

### Longfellow Evening.

There will be a supper at the Universalist Chapel Monday, Feb. 27, where food of "ye olden time" will be served. After the supper Longfellow's birthday will be commemorated by suitable and entertaining exercises, followed by a social hour. All who are willing are requested to bring a quotation from Longfellow's works. See posters for further particulars.

### EAST BETHEL.

Mr. Will Holt recently sold his horse "Sky Scraper," to Mr. Z. W. Bartlett.

Mr. N. F. Swan has gone to Berlin and Milan for a short visit.

Mrs. J. M. Bartlett and Mrs. F. C. Bean visited Lewiston last Saturday to do shopping.

Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Bartlett visited relatives in Phillips last week returned home Tuesday.

Mr. Walter Bartlett who has been confined to his home here by sickness has returned to his work at Locke's Mills.

Mr. J. M. Bartlett has been working for W. C. Holt at Indian Rock Camp, Hanover, getting timber for a log cabin to be built in the spring.

The last Grange supper held at Porter Farwell's drew a crowded house and was a pleasant success, the proceeds being about sixteen dollars. Z. M. Bartlett guessed the exact number of beans and got a handsome puff. The next supper will be at Mr. J. H. Swan's, Thursday evening March 2.

Kate—Tom, is an easy going fellow isn't he? Belle—I never thought so when he called on me.

## BUILDS GREAT ORGANS.

Note—The many Bethel friends of Mabel Hastings Skinner will be interested in the following item taken from a New-York paper.

The old saying that "a man may be a prophet save in his own country" was significantly demonstrated to The Inquirer man while paying a visit to New York City within the past few days. In one of the big restaurants of Fourteenth street he met Mr. Ernest M. Skinner, the church organ manufacturer, whose factory is in the old Hale Rubber Works plant on Eighth street.

The newspaper man who was accompanied by his wife and daughter finally accepted Mr. Skinner's invitation to inspect the interior of Grace church, that celebrated house of worship, where so many of New York's millionaires are regular attendants. Although it was then 10:30 at night, Mr. Skinner seemed to find no difficulty in securing a ready entrance through the fashionable rectory which adjoins, and he proceeded at once and with pardonable pride to show his willing visitors the magnificent organ he constructed about two years ago, which cost \$26,000 and which is considered one of the finest church organs in the United States. In addition to having built this magnificent instrument, which is situated in the choir, Mr. Skinner reconstructed and repiped the old organ in the same church, known as the "Roosevelt organ," in the same edifice, both of which are tuned to the same pitch and are to be played at once from the same manual.

Mr. Skinner, on being asked if he were an organist, requested the assistant organist of the church who was practicing, to allow him to use the organ, seated himself and proceeded to demonstrate that he was a thorough master. He played with a style and execution of technique far superior to the ordinary church organist. His selections coming to him by inspiration, included works of the old masters, celebrated masses, te deums, and just as the chimes of Trinity church heralded the entrance of the new year he concluded with a masterly rendition of "Parsifal."

After his listeners had been entertained for a full hour and a half Mr. Skinner invited them to inspect the mechanism of the two large organs which are run by electricity, and the new one gives forth the finest church organ music ever listened to. This organ, although the finest in New York at the present time, will have a dangerous rival, if not a superior, in a church in Brooklyn, the pulpit of which was once occupied by Henry Ward Beecher, and that church is now being installed with a magnificent and costly organ by Mr. Skinner. This organ, like that in Grace church, will be equipped with many new patents which are the outcome of Mr. Skinner's active brain, and the product of his South Boston factory, of which it is safe to say, very little is known to this district.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTICES.

### Committee on Taxation.

The Committee on Taxation will give a public hearing in its room at the State House in Augusta, on Thursday, Feb. 23, 1905 at 2 p. m., on the following bills:

No. 3. An act to amend Section 25 of Chapter 8 of the Revised Statutes relating to the taxation of railroad companies.

No. 6. An act to amend Sections 13 and 124 of Chapter 15 of the Revised Statutes relating to the mill fund and school tax.

In the Senate Chamber on Tuesday Feb. 21, at 7.30 p. m. on the following bill:

No. 5. An act in relation to the taxation of mortgages on real estate.

On an act to amend Chapter 10 of the Revised Statutes, relating to the collection of taxes in plantations taxed by wild lands.

A. E. IRVING, Secretary.

## BORN.

In Bethel, Feb. 16, to the wife of Edward King, a son.

## Stone Rings

My stock of Stone Rings is larger than I care to carry this season of the year and in order to reduce the stock I will for the next thirty days sell Stone Rings at 25 per cent. reduction or just one quarter off regular prices. This will prove a rare chance to secure a ring at an unusually low price. Every ring warranted solid gold. This sale includes ladies', gentlemen's Children's and babies' rings.

**EDWARD KING,**

Jeweler and Optician,

BETHEL, MAINE.

## E. C. Vandekerckhoven,

ARTISTIC PHOTOGRAPHER,

29 MAIN ST

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SECRETARY, T. F. Millett.

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AND CIGARS.

If you don't see what

you want, ask for it.

R. E. L. Farwell, Bethel, Me.

## Providence Washington Ins. Co.,

PROVIDENCE, R. I.

Assets, December 31, 1904.

Stocks and Bonds	\$ 31,134,335.00
Cash in Office and Bank	174,995.51
Agents' Balances	245,181.02
Bills Receivable	27,171.30
Interest and Rents	12,791.78
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$2,642,435.14</b>
Deduct Items not admitted	1,395.27
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$2,641,039.87</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1904.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 333,662.18
Unearned Premiums	1,125,203.89
Cash Capital	500,000.00
Surplus over all liabilities	581,773.80
<b>Total Liabilities and surplus</b>	<b>\$2,640,595.87</b>

FREELAND HOWE, Agent,

Norway, Maine.

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## Northern Assurance Company.

LONDON, ENGLAND.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1904.

Real Estate	\$ 165,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	3,118,541.56
Cash in Office and Bank	1,011,600.26
Agents' Balances	602,122.79
Bills Receivable	16,798.08
Interest and Rents	7,685.27
All other Assets	2,758.58
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$4,103,886.54</b>
Deduct Items not Admitted	\$8,770.92
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$4,095,115.62</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1904.	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$ 243,970.60
Unearned Premiums	\$ 2,066,666.67
All other Liabilities	\$ 1,000,918.54
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$ 1,599,730.26
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$4,095,115.62</b>

FREELAND HOWE, Agent,

Norway, Maine.



## BUSINESS CARDS.

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Office in Residence at {  
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Norway, Maine.  
Telephone Connection.

**GRAND TRUNK RAILWAY SYSTEM**  
Time Table in Effect Dec. 1, 1904.

## TRAINS GOING EAST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Island Pond, leave, .....	1.45	6.30
Gorham, .....	4.00	8.30
South Paris, .....	4.25	8.40
West Bethel, .....	4.35	8.50
BETHEL, arrive, .....	4.46	9.00
Locke Mills, .....	4.57	9.10
Bryan Pond, .....	5.05	9.18
South Paris, .....	5.26	9.44
Lewiston, .....	6.05	10.45
Portland, arrive, .....	7.30	11.30
Boston, via rail, .....	12.45	4.10

## TRAINS GOING WEST.

	A. M.	P. M.
Portland, leave, .....	8.35	1.30
Lewiston, .....	9.00	2.25
South Paris, .....	10.07	3.32
Bryan Pond, .....	10.34	4.02
Locke Mills, .....	10.41	4.12
BETHEL, arrive, .....	10.50	4.25
West Bethel, .....	10.57	4.35
Gorham, .....	11.07	4.51
Island Pond, .....	11.30	5.40
Montreal, .....	6.50	7.00
Toronto, .....	7.15	7.30
Chicago, .....	8.45	7.20

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# MYSTERY OF ST. RULE'S

By ETHEL F. WEDDLE

With joy and light-heartedness, with meeting Nell by the gleaming sapphire sea, with sitting with him under the old trees in the garden, while the sun, dying above them in the west, left a lovely sky of apple-green tints with rosy clouds and suffused gold, seen through the interlacing branches. All had been sweet and restful and glad, as was her heart. It seemed strange to realize that one could meet summer with such a dull heartache—that one could find no beauty in the sapphire sea, in the green fields, in the rippling corn, in the gray walls, gold-flecked now, with that yellow wall-flower which is summer's rich gift to the sacred walls and broken arches of the great cathedral. Molly looked from all summer brought "to that it could not bring"—looked, and sobbing, cried in the dark to that great Heart of Love which listens ever, in the dark as well as the light, to the cry of His stricken and helpless children.

"It had not all come together," Molly would sometimes say to herself, she could have borne it better. But to lose Nell, and then to lose Eve. And the town's talk had galled and stung, for Bertie had told the story openly everywhere.

It had been a hard time; Bertie had made it doubly hard.

"Such a painful story, my dear Molly! We were so grieved to hear it from Bertie. Such an audacious thing to do! And in spite of all, Lord Canterbury could marry her! But the aristocracy, of course, think they can do anything. As I said to Belhaven, it is only a mercy she wasn't a tight-rope dancer. For he was really the kind of young man who was certain to do something extraordinary."

Molly's view they pronounced as really eccentric. She would not discuss the story—she would hear nothing against Eve. It was a position which exasperated many—which exasperated Bertie to fury.

"If you were a different sort of girl, one would think you were keeping in with the Countess of Cantyre," he cried furiously one day, at which Molly merely smiled. "But I wash my hands of the whole matter! I wrote and told the trustee the story, and I hope and trust the real Eve Luttrell will get the wigging she richly deserves. As for my father, he seems utterly incapable of realizing the thing. He merely murmured vaguely very reprehensible, of course—but she was an extremely intelligent and pretty young lady. As if looks and intelligence matter in a case where such duplicity and deceit were concerned."

"What matters is that I love her," Molly said in her soft voice. "And that she was lonely and unhappy—and—tempted. Bertie, we, who suffer being tempted, don't you think it might make us just a little more merciful?"

"I dislike preaching out of the pulpit, where one expects it, was all the answer she obtained however, and she said no more."

Bertie was to leave St. Rule's next day, but he had promised to be in for tea to meet Marsland, who was coming over from Edinburgh with the detective whom Lord Canterbury had engaged and sent down from London.

The case of the diamond was to be taken up, and he hoped, brought to a more satisfactory conclusion than before. The two men arrived about five, and Bethin showed them into the drawing-room, where, after tea, the old man joined them.

The story had, of course, been told of great length over tea, afterwards they were to show the new man the suite of rooms and passages, with their exits and entrances. He was not an ordinary detective, Canterbury had written, he was a gentleman, and they could trust him to do everything with the greatest tact and delicacy. It might be a long affair.

"As if one wanted, delinquency in a detective," Bertie remarked. "What we want is the diamond to be found and the thief arrested. And then no more precious stones brought here for the Professor to give his opinion on! Do you hear, Molly?"

"I don't think we need be afraid," Molly said smilingly. They went into the study after tea, Bertie shutting both doors carefully—one opening into the passage which led to coach house and stables, the other into the drawing-room. The Professor seated himself by the study table, littered as usual, Marsland was showing Mr. Campden the door leading into the garden, and the pane, new now, which the false glazier had come to mend. He opened and shut the door, Campden listening and watching.

"Is this door always left open, Miss Luttrell?"

"Not in winter. Then it is kept locked, and we rarely use it. But in summer it is always left open by day. My father often goes out and in by it, from the laboratory to the coach-house and stables, where are a great many of his cases of minerals. I use this door myself too. At the time of the diamond's loss, however, it was kept locked. The false glazier had unlocked it."

"I see."

They went out then to the coach-house and stables, the detective mak-

ing a little sketch and plan of the entire place, Bertie voluble, Marsland quiet, beside him.

"And when you last saw the diamond it was lying on that table over by the window, where that big microscope is?" Campden said, as they re-entered the library again after a pause. "Was the microscope in its present position then? Was it covered with that green baize? May I see? May I lift it?" He turned to the Professor, who nodded assent, then went up to the table.

"What is this?" he said then, quietly, turning round with something in his hand. "Have you placed a model here to show me?"

"A what?"

"A model of the stone?"

He advanced towards them calmly, holding out something in his hand; something which caught all the light from the window, and blazed and glittered. Something like a huge drop of liquid fire. Something which whitened the faces of all four on-lookers, and brought even the Professor to his feet with a great cry, and the only expletive they had any of them ever heard from his lips!

"Good God, man!" he cried, "IT IS THE DIAMOND!"

## CHAPTER XXV.

## SANDY'S LETTER.

It was assuredly the diamond! They could be sure of that if of nothing else, and it was handed round from hand to hand, each face, each voice, an echo of the others' bewilderment.

As for the Professor, he sat down in his chair again, rumpling up his white hair, a picture of perplexity which it would be hard to equal. Even Marsland, the cool and the equable, allowed, with a laugh, that "this sort of thing beat cock-fighting."

"But something should be done," Bertie was the first to recover coherent speech. "We ought surely to do something. The thief, whoever took it, has been here. In this room. Who has been here, Molly?"

"No one that I know of," Molly said. "We can call Bethin and ask, but I am quite sure no one has called to-day. You passed out and in, Daddy, to the garden. But you did not, of course, see the diamond?"

"The Pater would not have seen it if it had been hung up before his nose!" Bertie cried disrespectfully. "Upon my word, if the finding is going to be as great a mystery as the losing, one will say the thing was bewitched. But look here, I say, Marsland—we don't want any more Maskelyne and Cook sort of business with it here. We don't want it to be walked off with again. Will you and Mr. Campden kindly take it out of this house and up to the bank. Take care it isn't twined out of your pocket on the way!"

"That's not a bad suggestion," Marsland said, smiling. "And I can wire to Lord Canterbury at the Hotel Continental, Paris. I fancy they can't have started yet for Marseilles and Egypt. He will be pleased."

"And I can make a few enquiries of the maids," Campden said. "For his lordship's satisfaction it would be as well to know to whom we are obliged for the return of the diamond. It is certainly an odd affair."

David was out marketing, but Bethin was summoned, and, without being told anything, was asked if any one had called that day and been admitted to the house. She said no. She had answered the door, David being out in the garden, and no one had even rung the bell. She had never been out of the house, though for a little she had been up in her mistress's room. And Bethin had dusted the library that day, and could take her oath that she had dusted the side-table and seen nothing particular there.

After which examination the detective and Marsland took their departure, and the diamond was safely lodged in the bank that night. And search for the restorer seemed, to promise to be about as successful as the search for the thief!

Thus things rested for a little, and time passed on.

It was October again, and Molly had been thinking that it was just about this time last year that Eve had arrived in St. Rule's, when one day Bethin, answering the postman's bell as usual, brought a letter for David, which was left lying on the kitchen table till that good woman had time to read it; her espies being few and far between, and not of much account.

Luncheon, however, being over, and the dishes and silver washed, David put on her spectacles and took up the envelope deliberately, Bethin, demurely seated with her work by the window, where she could see the yellow and red leaves of the great pear-tree by the laboratory wall, and a most tempting bunch of huge jargonelles hanging just above her head.

"Or dinnan ken the hand o' write," David remarked, as if rather puzzled, "and it's no an English stamp! I hae a cousin merriit on a Cupar man that gae'd a New York, but she niver wrote an' I niver wrote. I canna keep a crack w' folk as dinnan ken the hand o' write. What's this? What's this? 'My dear David.' It's no Margaret Somers' write neither." She looked at the signature, and then was understood by Bethin to say wrathfully, she "liked his impudence writing the letter!"

Bethin enquired curiously and cautiously, "What's his impudence, David?" but the old servant was engrossed, and paid her no heed. David read slowly and with difficulty, and Bethin was lost in her own thoughts, weighing the probabilities of being able to run out that night to the gate to meet a certain young man there, if David went up to Miss Molly's room and "bided," and she quite started at last,

"What is it, David? And what is it?"

But David paid her no heed; she did not indeed hear. With the letter in her hand she had marched upstairs to where Molly sat by her bedroom fire, having just come in, and she placed the letter in the girl's hand, with a kind of groan.

"Read that, Miss Molly! Read it aloud! And then tell me I'm the stupidest, maist feckless 'obman you, or any other, ever set eyes on." Molly read as she was bidden. David's voice was so tragic that she dared not pause or question. And this is what she read.

"212 Thirty-seventh Street, New York  
"Monday.  
"My dear David,

"You would not expect, maybe, to get a letter from me, but nevertheless I take up my pen to tell you that I am well, hoping this finds you the same. We are neither of us as young as we once were, but there is good work in us still, and the Lord will provide."

"(Oh, the sinner!)" David groaned at this point. "He fair gars me greet, but gang on Miss Molly." "As for me, you will please tell the Professor I have turned over a new leaf, and neither touch, taste, nor handle. The whisky here is something awful! It is double the price, and you might as well drink fusel oil! I was obliged to give it up—dear and bar is no for me. Dear David, I have something to tell you in this letter. It may be told, for I am never like to return, and I think you and the Professor and Miss Molly would like to ken. It was me as took the diamond, and me as pit it back. You should not rage, but hear how I did it. I had heard, like a' the town, about it, but I had no intention of stealing it. I had come through the kitchen unknown, that day, seeing the door open, and you and Bethin being, I suppose, upstairs, and I went into the garden, meaning to see the Professor by himself, if I could manage it, unknown to you. You will remember, David, you was never my friend here nor there. Well, he was not in the laboratory, and I walked up till the house in the dark, thinking maybe I would catch him alone in the library. He was not there, as I could see, but by and by I heard an awful screeching, and I could see them all rushing out—the two young ladies and Mr. Bertie and the Earl. I wondered what it was, and I looked in at the window. There I saw the diamond lying on the table for me or any one to pick up. It came to me quite sudden like that I would tak' it and sell it in Edinburgh 'a' of us being sinfu', as you well ken, David, and liable to fall before temptation. Adam fell, and David. We all fall; but for grace, David, you might fall yourself. Grace and an awful guide opinion o' yourself saves you. But the return to my tale. I gae'd up till the door—the library door—and to my mighty surprise I found it open, and the lock broken! I didna stay to think. I opened the door, gae'd through the passage to the big gate, hearing the Professor talking to some stranger in the coach house, crept past, naebod seeing me, and then I gae'd through the gate, oot till the lane, and there I saw Bethin fleeing up and yelling 'Fire!' and I kent what they had a' screeched for. I waited a while behind the trees in the lane, and then I gae'd back w' the plumbers' and helped 't the kitchen tae redd up. What was to suspect me? Weel, there was an awfu' to dae, as ye-ken, but naebod kent I had been in the house. I kept a calm sough, and by and by I gae'd till Edinburgh, and sounded a friend. But he just laughed at me! He said the diamond couldna be sold 't a' Scotland, or England either. It was kent, and naebod would daur buy it. He wouldn't advance me a bawbee on it. It was a miserable failure! I got back and the Professor took me on again. There seemed naething tae dae but return the stone. But for lang I niver got a chance o' putting it back, and I was feared. Then I made up my mind tae gang tae America, and you mind the day (my brother having sent me money for my passage) that I cam to say farewell! I gae'd in by the library to get the Professor, in the coach-house, and I just pit back the diamond on the table whaur I found it. It was quite simple. But it had made a grand ope'ry! And that is a' I hae to say, David, at this time. Fare ye weel. Gie me a few here as can tak' w' a scientific mind, man, like myself, and I whiles miss a crack w' him, and a whiff of the auld laboratory smells, but I am daing weel, and saving.

"Your obedient servant,  
"SANDY FORRETT."

"P.S.—You can make what use of this letter that you like."

What could they say? What could anyone say? St. Rule's like David, and like Bethin and Bertie and Eve, and Cameron and Lord Canterbury, could only hold up their hands in amazement at their shortsightedness. But it is so easy to be wise after the event. The mystery seemed no mystery at all, once they had the key to it.

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"I figger that he's coming five, neighbor."

The deal wasn't closed then, but two weeks later the farmer returned to take another look at the horse.

"He looks purty good to me, Uncle Jake, and I've had a mind to take 'im. How old do ye say he is?"

"He's eight years old come spring."

"Eight years old! Hell's fire! Ye told me two weeks ago he was comin' five."

"Did I tell you that, neighbor? Ju-das-to-hen? How time does fly!"

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Mr. Stubbs—"Goodness, Martha, the baby has been crying for two weeks. What is the matter with him?"

Mr. Stubbs—"Why, nature is giving him his teeth, John."

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**WOMAN'S  
WORLD.**

The Ideal Woman.

An ideal woman, according to an observing member of the sex who has devoted considerable time to studying the characteristics of her sisters, is one without an ideal.

Not only is she easy to live with, but she is worth living for. She has no history. She has no story. She wears a reasonable hat at matinees.

She is too clever to talk of woman's rights; she takes them. She wears frocks that match her hair; she does not dye her hair to match her frocks.

She helps her husband to build up a future for himself, and never seeks to rake up his past.

She believes that a theory is the paper fortress of the immature, and that a clergyman may still be a man.

She knows that when men talk about a woman being good-looking, they mean that she is well-dressed, though they don't know it.

She does not insist upon her husband's eating up the cucumber sandwiches left over from one of her parties; she eats them herself, and suffers in silence.

She is not such a fool as to fancy that any one is ever convinced by argument. She does not reason. She loves.

She does not believe that a man can love only once or only one.

She herself prefers loving much to loving many.

She knows that every real woman is the ideal woman, the fact being that every idea of the ideal woman is wholly dependent on the idealist, and every woman who is idolized is idealized.—N. Y. News.

**New Woman in Japan.**

"In our mothers' generation," declares the wife of the Japanese Consul in New York, "the girls were taught simply to become good wives to their husbands and good mothers to their children; therefore, they were educated to be modest, obedient and capable of controlling themselves. They were taught also how to keep house, how to sew, how to read and write, how to arrange flowers, how to make and serve tea, and very often they also studied music and literature, but they received no school education such as they receive now."

"Girls of the present time all receive a modern school education. Japanese ladies today are not contented merely to stay at home and take care of their children. They attend lectures, meetings and entertainments. They publish women's magazines and discuss their rights and duties."

**Entire Wheat Bread.**

To two cupsful of scalding-hot milk add one-third cupful of molasses and one teaspoonful of salt; let cool, then add one yeast cake dissolved in a little cold water or tepid water; add four and three-fourth cupsful of entire wheat flour; beat well; cover closely and let rise until double bulk; beat again; turn into greased pans, filling them half full; let rise two hours and bake in a hot oven one hour.

**A New Egg Opener.**

Those who find it no easy matter to open an egg deftly will appreciate a new invention in the shape of an egg-opener, a silver plated affair. It is a circle in two sections, hinged, and the inner side is fringed with very sharp and needle-like points. You fit the circle over the top of the egg, squeeze the two handles together, and the upper portion of the egg is at once cut off.

**Wrinkled and Dry Skin.**

A wrinkled, dry skin has been deprived of its natural oil. Almond meal should be used instead of soap, and the face should never be washed in hot water. Do not apply powder of cosmetics directly to such a skin; apply a softening cream first, rubbing in thoroughly and removing any surplus cream with a soft piece of linen, then apply the powder.

**A Healthy Erect Carriage.**

A good erect carriage is necessary from both the standpoint of health and beauty. Stand erect, but in so doing avoid making what is called a "hollow back," sending the torso back too far. The torso is held correctly if a plumb line dropped from the ear would touch the center of the shoulder and the middle of the hollow in the instep.

**Best Cure for Influenza.**

It is not generally known that equal parts of new milk and linewater constitute one of the best cures for influenza, surpassing whiskey, which is so much used, and in cases where there is fever the white of a raw egg will not only strengthen the patient, but will soothe the pain. Do not give the yolk, as that would increase the fever.

**To Secure Good Coffee.**

See that the ruler of the kitchen does not become too lazy to keep the coffee pot clean, to grind the coffee fine enough, to dampen it before putting it in the bag, and to supply a fresh bag occasionally, and that is as often as possible. Get good coffee and serve it with cream.—Good Housekeeping.

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It is his contention that cats have a medium of communication based on the mew, purr and more stringent notes of their vocal organs. He claims to have classified the different calls for various kinds of food and drink, and maintains that he can tell by the inflection of the cat's voice whether the animal wants water or milk. When one of his pets is hungry he locks it up in a room with a phonograph loaded with the receiving record. When well fed and contented he places a machine by the sleeping creature and catches every sound.

Some of the simpler folks in the neighborhood look upon Mr. Johnson as uncanny. The spectacle of a tall, gaunt man standing in the middle of the road, holding animated conversation with a big tomcat strikes them as being very queer.

**Sturgeon Becoming Scarce.**

A sturgeon, weighing 375 pounds, was captured by a gillnet fisherman near Astoria a few days ago, and sold for \$20. It has been less than twenty years since sturgeon of that size were almost unsalable, and thousands of pounds of the big fish have been carted off the Portland docks for fertilizer, after the consignees had refused to pay the steamboat freight on them. The prodigious waste of these fish a few years ago, when their value was not appreciated, has depleted the supply to such an extent that they are now almost extinct. It requires nearly as much time to produce a 375-pound sturgeon as it does to produce a six foot saw log, and the time is approaching when the big saw log, like the big sturgeon will pass out of existence, with nothing growing up to take its place.—Portland Oregonian.

**Perfect Confidence.**

Where there used to be a feeling of uneasiness and worry in the household when a child showed symptoms of croup, there is now perfect confidence. This is owing to the uniform success of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in the treatment of that disease. Mrs. M. I. Basford of Poolesville, Md., in speaking of her experience in the use of that remedy says: "I have a world of confidence in Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for I have used it with perfect success. My child Garland is subject to severe attacks of croup and it always gives him prompt relief."

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**Cultivation of the Onion.**

There are few vegetable crops of more importance to the rural population of the United States than the onion crop. The relatively large profits which it is possible for the skillful grower to obtain from a limited area have rendered the cultivation of this bulb especially popular with those possessing small tracts of land, while gardeners residing in localities whose soils and climate are pre-eminently adapted to onion culture have found it profitable to till large areas. Twenty-five to 100 acres in one field is not an unusual thing in such localities. Large yields overstock the market some years, resulting in very low prices; but the prices received during a series of years make onion culture, as a rule, a profitable enterprise where the soil and climate conditions are favorable.

Notwithstanding the extensive production of onions in the United States, hundreds of thousands of bushels are annually shipped to our ports from Bermuda, France, Spain, and Cuba. This fact demonstrates that the home demand at all seasons of the year is not yet fully supplied by growers of our own country. The bulbs of foreign varieties are superior in quality to those originated in this country—such as the Yellow Danvers, Red Wethersfield, and Silver Skin. The imported bulbs are also placed on the market before the gardeners in the North can mature their crops, but the long season of California and certain parts of the South renders it possible for these sections to cultivate successfully the foreign varieties and mature the onions almost, if not quite as early as the countries named.

**Employ a Caretaker.**  
Care must be taken that the water from higher places does not drain onto, or run across the road. The side ditches, culverts, and drains should be kept open and free from debris.

Our most important country roads could be divided into sections or beats varying in length from 1 to 5 miles, according to the importance of the road and the condition of its surface. A good road man, who lives on the section or beat, should be placed in charge, and it should be his duty to devote a few hours each week to the filling of small ruts or holes and to protecting the road from damage by running water. If the road is a very important one, and if the funds will permit, such a caretaker should, by all means, be employed the year round. There is always plenty of work to do in keeping roads clean, free from loose stones, and rubbish; cutting weeds and cleaning drains and side ditches. In fact, the caretaker should be on the road, rain or shine, and particularly in wet weather, in order to find the uneven places in the road as well as to note the existing defects in surface and subdrainage.

**An Old-Time Marriage Feast.**

Now that "fashionable marriages" are engaging attention these merry days a glance at a marriage entertainment of the eldest daughter of a knight of King Henry VIII.'s time is not without interest. Seven days of feasting and revelry were indulged in, the following being among some of the numerous items provided: Beer and ale, £6 16s. 8d.; two hogsheds of wine, £2; nine cranes, twelve peacocks, three red deer, twelve fallow deer, seventy-two fat capons, thirty dozen of mallards and teal, two dozen of herons, two oxen; and among the fish turbot, pike, sturgeon, ling, salt and fresh salmon, eels, lampreys, oysters, and porpoises figured. A truly remarkable medley. For the amusement of the guests there was "first a play, and straight after the play a mask, and when the mask was done, then the banquet, which was 110 dishes, and all of meat; and then all the gentlemen and ladies did dance, and this continued from the Sunday to the Saturday afternoon."—Westminster Gazette.

**Industrial Art Pays Best.**

"Sargent gets \$5,000 for painting a portrait," said a young man in his shirt sleeves. "Well, I got \$6,000 last month for designing a stove." "A millionaire stove manufacturer," he went on, "paid me that large sum, and manufacturers of clocks, vases, of carpets, of wall papers of furniture, are paying to-day sums almost as generous for good designs." "The American public is the biggest, the most intelligent and the richest public in the world. It demands artistic things—graceful chairs, handsome papers, harmonious rugs and carpets. It is willing to pay unprecedented prices for these things, and to buy in unprecedented quantities. Hence the manufacturers can scarcely get enough designers, and hence the remuneration of these designers is higher than it ever was before."

**The Tired Dog.**

In Cuba one night during the El Caney affair Gen. Lawton was watching a lot of his soldiers file past and among them he noticed a burly negro corporal, a six-footer, who, in addition to two guns and two full cartridge belts, was carrying a dog. The soldier to whom the extra gun belonged was limping alongside his comrade. The general halted the overloaded soldier. "Look here," he said; "you marched all night, fought all day and are marching again." "Yes, sah," responded the negro. "Then," said Lawton, "why on earth are you carrying that dog?" "Why, general," said the negro, with a grin, "the dog's tired."

**POSTAL IMPROVEMENTS.**

In general, the people of the United States are more interested in getting increased postal facilities than in securing a reduction of postal rates. The splendid success of the rural free-delivery system now coming into general use is a happy augury as to the possibilities of such further improvements as postal savings banks and a parcels post system.

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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 22, 1905.

### STATE HOUSE TALK.

The seventh week of the seventy-second Legislature was five busy days of discussion, investigation and law making. From half-past four Monday till eleven Friday, scores and scores of hearings were given by various committees, notably before the Committee on Judiciary, Legal Affairs, Printing, Shore Fisheries and Ways and Bridges. Last, but far from least is the Temperance Committee, which has the Sturgis Bill to consider.

The Sturgis Bill is in front of everything else just now; even the sensations of the State printing are mere shades of shadows. The measure of Senator Sturgis of Cumberland to provide for a commission to enforce prohibition is cleaving the party for the time. When it returns to the Senate this week, it will probably bear the endorsement of a majority of the committee, the Senate, and a generous House majority, though many of the Solons expect it to be defeated.

The best thing in favor of the enforcement bill is Gov. Cobb's approval. While the leaders do not feel through and through satisfied, yet they think it is the best thing yet devised. The hearing was largely attended and was participated in by Senator Sturgis, Lawyer Hiram Knowlton and ex-deputy sheriff B. B. of Portland; also Lawyer Gillen of Bangor, who raved against the commission, as being cumbersome, costly and unnecessary. Meanwhile little is heard about Resubmission, and its best friends have little influence or interest left.

The committee on State printing have little to say either at the public hearing or in the lobby. The executive sessions, however, are seasoned with arguments enough, and dissensions are not easily smothered in this burning issue. This special committee will probably die soon and bequeath their good will and evidence to the Legal Affairs committee, who will report on the feasibility of abolishing the office of State Printer outright.

Senator Staples, the arch-abolitionist, will have a hand in this as a member of that committee, as well as in the matter of State Liquor Agent. Staples complains that the Liquor Agent has the greatest graft in Maine, and the Democrat leader will corroborate this charge this week.

The arguments over the seining bill consumed the greater part of Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. Captain Shackford, Senator from Washington, and this committee on Shore Fisheries, heard extensive evidence about fishing in Lubec, Eastport, Jonesport, and thereabouts. Scores of packers and fishermen attended, while Hon. Herbert M. Heath appeared for those who want to use seines within 600 feet of weirs, and Lawyer Pattangall of Machias and Mr. Campbell of Cherryfield, marshalled the forces who use weirs only as against those who want to have free and unrestricted seining. The committee will probably report not before the last of the month.

Later in the week Representative Milliken from Island Falls introduced an Act providing that all proprietary medicines having alcohol and narcotic drugs shall bear a label showing what amount of each they contain. Medicines having 3 per cent. alcohol or less and no

narcotic require no label. Only those people who place on the market worthless medicines can complain.

Another surprise was that cracked by Stevens from Portland who has a bill against cider of more than 3 per cent, thereby prohibiting the sale of a popular beverage of popular strength even among people who do not use other liquor.

In the railroad committee the act providing for vestibules on electric cars during the winter months was voted ought to pass. The new draft is like the present Massachusetts law. The bill, however, provides for the right of a railway company to appeal to the board of railroad commissioners, when it seems that such vestibules interfere with public safety.

The Legal Affairs committee acted favorably on the Oakes bill providing a fine of \$1,000 for non-performance of duty on the part of sheriff and others. Senator Staples alone filed a minority report ought not to pass. This bill passed the House presto and will become law soon when voted by the Senate and signed by the Governor. It is very stringent and will probably make nullifying sheriffs walk Spanish.

Another bill of interest provides the insured with the right to a trial by jury when the only question at issue is the amount of the loss. Hon. Chas. F. Libby of Portland advocates this bill and attacks the wisdom and unconstitutionality of the old bill. Trial by jury has superseded arbitration in most States, although but a very small part of losses in Maine are ever disputed and arbitrated. A small army of insurance men appeared for the present law, also many letters were presented commending the practical workings of the present policy and decrying any change.

There were two verdicts last week which disappointed many philanthropic minds all over Maine. Both the Industrial School for the blind and the Asylum for the feeble-minded were turned down and referred to the next Legislature. Both measures were defeated decisively, though upheld by earnest charity workers so faithfully.

The last hours of the Judiciary hearing were devoted to the referendum bill and Senator Potter's manslaughter bill, which is aimed at the religious colony at Shiloh. The proposed amendment to the Constitution establishes the initiative and referendum. Many prominent people appear in favor of it; while there is no voiced opposition. It is likely to pass in one form or other.

There are two petitions against Shiloh, one for a special legislative committee to investigate, the other for laws making it impossible for such conditions to exist. These petitions however, were side-tracked and Senator Potter's manslaughter bill held the center of the stage for two hours. The Christian Scientists felt that the bill was hitting them hard and appeared in substantial numbers with Lawyer Hersey of Portland to champion their religion and practice.

The next week or two will be marked by the Senate and House discussion of various committee reports and sharp contests over the Sturgis bill and resubmission, as well as considerable talk over the University of Maine appropriation, which has been held up for several days, will be the order of the day. Gov. Cobb's reception and ball on Washington's birthday will be the gala function of the session.

### Fraud Exposed.

A few counterfeiters have lately been making and trying to sell imitations of Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, and other medicines, thereby defrauding the public. This is to warn you to beware of such people, who seek to profit, through stealing the reputation of remedies which have been successfully curing disease, for over 35 years. A sure protection, to you, is our name on the wrapper. Look for it on all Dr. King's, or Bucklen's remedies, as all others are mere imitations. H. E. BUCKLEN'S & CO., Chicago, Ill., and Windsor, Canada. All drug stores.

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### Increase in Attendance in the Schools of Maine.

It is gratifying to those of our citizens who are interested in the welfare of the public schools to know that during the past year, unusual gains have been made in the attendance of our schools.

The increase for the past year over the preceding, aggregates 4,623 pupils. This showing is peculiarly stimulating to our pride when we have to remember the small increase in our population. It is doubted if any other State can make an equally favorable showing.

The decrease in the number of persons enumerated is accounted for by the fact that the enumeration for the past year included persons between five and twenty-one years of age, while for the previous year it included those between four and twenty-one years of age.

The decrease in the number enrolled is due to the fact that in preceding years many children between four and five years of age have been allowed to attend school, although not legally entitled to do so. During the past year this law has been enforced, and hence, the change noted above.

These interesting figures furnish the encouraging assurance that our local superintendents are exerting themselves to improve their schools; that teachers are becoming more efficient; that parents have a lively interest in the education of their children and that the children themselves are becoming more ambitious to avail themselves of the school privileges provided for them.

### Another Case of Rheumatism Cured by Chamberlain's Pain Balm.

The efficacy of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the relief of rheumatism is being demonstrated daily. Parker Triplett, of Grigsby, Va., says that Chamberlain's Pain Balm gave him permanent relief from rheumatism in the back when everything else failed, and he would not be without it.

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He—They did, but since he has fallen into a million they have decided he is only eccentric.

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He—Not at all, miss. We men are getting a bit tired of being accused of only giving up our seats to the pretty girls. That's what it is.

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### Death of a former Resident of Bethel.

In the death of Moses S. Kimball of Avon, Mass., Bethel has lost an old time citizen of more than seventy-five years' residence in the eastern part of the town, where his father cleared up a farm from the unbroken forest, and spent a long life among his family and kindred, having several brothers and a sister, residents of Bethel at that time.

The family of Jacob and Emma (Stone) Kimball removed from Bridgton, with a large family of four sons and six daughters, two children dying at an early age in Bridgton. The father and son Hannibal, served in the war of 1812, leaving the care of the family to the mother in the times of trial and privation, who proved faithful to her trust, and lived to behold the breaking out of our Civil War.

The youngest son, Moses Stone Kimball, whose death occurred Jan 31, at the advanced age of 87 years and 8 months, came from a long-lived race, several of his family reaching 98 years of age, and much respected in the community where they made their home.

He spent the last few years of life with his children and grandchildren, enjoying the frequent visits of old friends and occasionally sending letters to Bethel of his pleasant surroundings, and kind regards to the town he had always taken great interest in.

He was a worthy member of the Baptist church and served as deacon many years with much acceptance. He is kindly remembered by the younger people of East Bethel, and will long be held in loving regard by his immediate family.

He leaves an aged wife, a son and three daughters, all married, with families of sons and daughters, in whose welfare he was always interested, and who helped to make his last years pass happily and pleasantly away.

He died in the happy thought of meeting his friends and kindred in a better land, where there is no more death. The funeral service and interment were in Avon, on the 2nd of February, 1905.

The last leaf has fallen,  
It lieth low  
Under the winter's drift of snow,  
No more we behold it  
Clinging to the frail bough;  
The ancestral tree  
Stands empty now.

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No. 7613.

### Treasury Department Office of Comptroller of the Currency.

Washington, D. C., February 17, 1905.

WHEREAS, by satisfactory evidence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that

### The Bethel National Bank,

in the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, has complied with all the provisions of the Statutes of the United States, required to be complied with before an association shall be authorized to commence the business of Banking;

NOW THEREFORE I, William B. Ridgely, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that "THE BETHEL NATIONAL BANK", in the town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford and State of Maine, is authorized to commence the business of Banking as provided in Section Fifty one hundred and sixty nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF witness my hand and Seal of office this Seventeenth day of February, 1905.

WILLIAM B. RIDGELEY,  
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## GILEAD.

Miss Inez Harriman visited friends in town last week.

W. C. Newell was on the sick list last week.

Miss Ada Wescomb is staying at O. S. Temple's.

Miss Ethel Allen visited her friend, Miss Edith Cole, recently.

Mrs. S. J. Morse and son Raymond visited her parents in Auburn over Sunday.

Miss Annie Moore of Hastings, visited her cousin, Ella Coffin, last week.

Will Twitchell has finished working for Herbert Wheeler and is staying at B. S. Burbank's.

Dr. Marble of Gorham, N. H., was in town Monday to see Blanche Temple who is suffering from sores in her head.

The Mountain Mills will meet with Mrs. Archie Heath Thursday, Feb. 23.

G. H. Coffin has finished hauling bark for Wheeler & Horan, and now will haul cordwood for D. R. Hastings.

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Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid; and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY. Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1886.

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## GRAFTON.

Mr. James S. Lane visited at O. W. Brooks' over Sunday.

W. H. Otis who has been in Rangeley this winter, looking after his lumber contract, was home a few days recently.

We are sorry to learn that Mrs. A. F. Brooks remains critically ill, and her many friends hope that she may recover.

Fred E. Decker is visiting at the home of his wife's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Otis. Mr. Decker's health has been poor for several months, but we hope he will soon be on the rapid road to recovery.

Mrs. S. P. Davis of Hanover, is staying with her mother, Mrs. A. W. Farrar and caring for her during her illness, Mrs. Fox who has been with Mrs. Farrar for several months having returned to her home.

### That Tickling in the Throat.

One minute after taking One Minute Cough Cure that tickling in the throat is gone. It acts in the throat—not the stomach. Harmless—good for children. A. L. Spoford, postmaster at Chester, Mich., says: "Our little girl was unconscious from strangulation during a sudden and terrible attack of croup. Three doses of One Minute Cough Cure half an hour apart speedily cured her. I cannot praise One Minute Cure too much for what it has done in our family." It always gives relief. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

## MARSHALL DISTRICT.

Mr. Ed French passed away Wednesday after a long and painful illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaiah Hazeltine went to Norway last Friday, to see their son, Fred Hazeltine, who is still under the doctor's care.

Mrs. Minnie Philbrook who has been spending a short time with her sister, Fannie returned to her home last Wednesday.

Mrs. Adelia Kimball is able to be out again.

George Briggs went to Bethel last Saturday on business.

S. O. Grover of Mason was at George Briggs' recently.

## MEXICO.

At a meeting of the Ladies' Aid society, Saturday afternoon, it was voted to hold a Blue Jay supper at Mason's mill, March 11. Every body is invited to come. A hot clam chowder will be served besides many other good things. Owing to the blustering weather not many were able to be present at the meeting, therefore Mrs. Goff will again entertain the society at the next regular meeting, March 4.

Another social will be held at the White school-house next Saturday evening. Cake and coffee will be served to all.

Mrs. H. B. Fuller and Miss Minnie Fuller, also Mrs. William Sargent and Mrs. Solomon Merchant drove to Upton last Friday. They intend to visit Mr. Fuller's logging camp in Upton while they are gone.

Elbridge Crooker, the well-known extract vender, was in this vicinity last Friday.

A smash up occurred on the Rumford Falls and Rangeley Lake railroad last Monday, when the log train came down from Oquossac. Several loaded log trucks were thrown in confusion everywhere. Telegraph poles were broken down, and logs were scattered along the track for nearly a quarter of a mile. No one was injured.

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G. R. Wiley has so much faith in the power of Hyomei to cure catarrh, that he is selling it under his personal guarantee to refund the money if it does not give positive relief.

## NEWRY.

W. F. Small is in quite poor health. His brother of Stoneham, is visiting him.

Miss Bessie Searle is spending her vacation with friends in town.

A. B. Frost is working in J. A. Thurston's mill.

Mrs. A. W. Powers is a little better.

H. R. Powers is hauling spruce for Herbert Chapman.

Arthur Brinck is visiting friends in Norway.

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### GOLDEN NUGGETS FOR SALLOW PEOPLE

### GROVER HILL.

William Bragg of Errol, N. H., who drives the Grand Union Tea cart, was in the place Saturday.

Gwendolyn Stearns is visiting friends in Norway.

George Bennett of West Bethel, was at True Browne's Sunday.

Mrs. Abiah Bennett is somewhat improved in health.

Fred Wheeler has been assisting A. B. Grover in the woods.

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## NORTH ALBANY.

Mrs. Frances A. Bennett passed away last Friday night, after a short illness. She was the widow of the late Sylvanus Bennett. She leaves three brothers and three sisters, also four sons and three daughters to mourn her loss. Funeral services were held at the Flat school-house Tuesday at one o'clock.

Mary Cole, Nat Bennett and wife, also Prescott Bennett were in this place last Friday, to be with their mother in her last illness.

Ed Rolfe and wife, also Blanche Rolfe went to East Waterford to attend the funeral of their nephew, the little son of Philip and Ada Rolfe Friday.

Margery Edwards of Norway, is visiting at F. H. Bennett's.

The blow Saturday was the worst of the season.

## Failed.

All efforts have failed to find a better remedy for coughs, colds and lung troubles than Foley's Honey and Tar. It stops the cough, heals the lungs and prevents serious results from a cold. J. N. Patterson, Nashua, Iowa, writes: "Last winter I had a bad cold on my lungs and tried, at least half a dozen advertised cough medicines and had treatment from two physicians without getting any benefit. A friend recommended Foley's Honey and Tar and two thirds of a bottle cured me. I consider it the greatest cough and lung medicine in the world." Sold by G. R. Wiley. F.

## BRYANT POND.

Mrs. Fred Deshouse, Mrs. Lizzie A. Day and brother, and Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Bowker were in Lewiston last week.

Mrs. Betsey Blodgett and son Leon, spent several days with Mrs. Ella Blodgett Jackson at Rumford Centre, recently.

Uncle Stephen Rowe's water pipe is frozen up; also Ed Andrews'. Mr. Andrews has put a new pump in the well opposite his store, to accommodate his tenants. Dr. Wheeler was in town Monday on professional business.

D. D. Peverley has added a shingle machine to his machine department for the benefit of his customers.

Abbie Farnum is packing clothes pins at Mann's mill.

Dr. and Mrs. Clark attended the funeral of Mrs. Clark's father, Mr. Edward Soule, at Freeport, last Friday. Mr. Soule died quite suddenly of pneumonia in a Boston hospital.

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are instantly relieved and perfectly healed, by Bucklen's Arnica Salve. C. Rivenbark, Jr., of Norfolk, Va., writes: "I burnt my knee dreadfully; that it blistered all over. Bucklen's Arnica Salve stopped the pain, and healed it without a scar." Also heals all wounds and sores. 25c at all druggists. B.

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Total Assets, January 1, 1905, \$5,340,136.94  
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### Liverpool & London & Globe Insurance Company.

Assets Dec. 31, 1904.  
Real Estate, \$1,857,249.69  
Mortgage Loans, 3,318,450.00  
Stocks and Bonds, 4,234,291.25  
Cash in Office and Bank, 4,335,764.42  
Agents' Balances, 3,315,127.50  
Interest and Rents, 48,515.57

Gross Assets, \$12,107,398.43  
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1904.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$616,193.23  
Unearned Premiums, 5,767,675.26  
All other Liabilities, 654,637.99  
Surplus over all Liabilities, 5,068,891.95

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## SUNNY SIDE.

MADE A HOME RUN.

It was exactly 11:45 p. m. by the little cuckoo clock.

"Speaking of baseball, Mr. DeBorum," she said between yawns, "there is a short stop in each nine, isn't there?"

"Sure, Miss Biffkins," he replied. "And is there a long-stop, also?" she asked.

"No, of course not," he answered. "Well, it's a pity there isn't," she continued, "for if there were every club in the league would be bidding for your services."

Shortly after he crossed the home plate.

PROFESSIONAL INSTINCT.



Marie—"How did Mr. Scribbler take your refusal when he proposed?" Louise—"In shorthand. He is going to use it in his next novel."

His Tale of Woe. "Madam, can you offer a little food to a hungry wayfarer?"

"And why are you a wayfarer?" "I don't mind telling you, ma'am. You have a kind face. I lost half a million in one of New York's gliding gambling dens, and if I go back they will use me for a witness against the gambler and disgrace me trusting family."

"What a sad story." "Isn't it?"

"Yes. Suppose you try it on the dog. Here, Rover!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

What She Thought. "Oh, Julia," exclaimed the girl who was carrying weight for age, "what do you think?"

"Why," answered Julia, who lived around the corner. "I think many things."

"Oh, I don't mean that," said the other. "I have had three proposals of marriage since I last saw you."

"Indeed!" rejoined her fair friend. "Then there must be something in the rumor that your uncle remembered you in his will to the extent of \$10,000."

When You Have a Cold.

The first action when you have a cold should be to relieve the lungs. This is best accomplished by the free use of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. This Remedy liquefies the tough mucus and causes its expulsion from the air cells of the lungs, produces a free expectoration, and opens the secretions. A complete cure soon follows. This remedy will cure a severe cold in less time than any other treatment and it leaves the system in a natural and healthy condition. It counteracts any tendency towards pneumonia.

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## The Second of a Series of Talks on Literature and Reading.

We said in our first Talk that the greatest merit of a suitable book is its practical usefulness. And we concluded by saying that, if by the book one reads he is made more cheerful, or more appreciative of what is beautiful, and of the advantages of his lot, and the kindness of friends; if he is made more resolute to follow what is good and noble; if he is made more zealous in quest of truth, in pursuing a useful life, than the highest purpose of the book is gained.

Now let us consider how we ought to read such books. Of course we differ in our method of reading. One who believes that there is some mystic virtue in a printed page glances at a few pages of a volume and then follows the method that is recommended by one whose brains are perplexed—the plan of "sleeping upon the subject." Ten chances to one the many earthly or unearthly visions that pass through his mind while asleep never leave a hint of the subject "sleep upon."

Then another person charges his mind with an idea, or some particular information, and when occasion presents itself, fires it off just as one would a rifle, and remains as empty as he was before.

Still another has become a perfect literary glutton, a veritable "book worm," reading books on all subjects and in all languages, and crowds the mind with so much information, so many facts that it fairly reels to and fro and is unfit for the common and most valuable duties of daily life. Not infrequently do we find that those of whom it may be said, "They know almost everything" are of very little use in the great work of life—doing all one can for the good of the world. Indeed they are often "dungeons of learning" for everything that comes out of them is musty and mouldy and useless.

"A bookful blockhead, ignorantly read, With loads of learned lumber in his head."

It is always well to know, if possible, something about the author before you begin to read, for one is more likely to be interested in the book written by one he knows than in a book written by a stranger. As it were, he hears the author speaking, and naturally sees more in his allusions than he otherwise could. So, an introduction to the author through some authentic information of him regarding his life and character, and the circumstances in which he composed the book will create more pleasure and intelligence. For instance, we read of the life of Burns, that charming Scotch poet, we learn how the tempestuous billows of passion and mischance tossed him about, and the depth of pathos will appear in the following lines:

"Then gently scan your brother man, Still gentler sister woman; Though they may gang a Kennin, wrang, To step aside is human."

"One point must still be greatly dark: The moving why they do it; And just as lamely can ye mark How far perhaps they rue it."

"Who made the heart, 'tis he alone, Decidedly can try us; He knows each cord—its various tone, Each spring—its various bias."

"Then at the balance let's be mute, We never can adjust it; What's done we partly may compute, But know not what's resisted."

Strange to say, perhaps, but there are many persons who do not read the preface of a book, thinking of course, that it has no practical value. The author in the preface to his book takes us into his confidence and tells us the motive for writing the book, and, possibly, the circumstances under which he wrote. He thus awakens our interest and foretells something of the contents. If we are desirous of understanding and of carrying away with us as much of the volume as possible, we will do well to note the table of contents for it will serve us very much the same as a map will serve us on a journey, excepting that, after once thoroughly noting each point, we need not again refer to it, unless we wish to recall the journey we have taken. In this case we shall find reference to be both pleasant and profitable.

We cannot get much good out of the perusal of a book unless we give

## Weak Hearts

Are due to indigestion. Ninety-nine of every one hundred people who have heart trouble can remember when it was simple indigestion. It is a scientific fact that all cases of heart disease, not organic, are not only traceable to, but are the direct result of indigestion. All food taken into the stomach which fails of perfect digestion ferments and swells the stomach, puffing it up against the heart. This interferes with the action of the heart, and in the course of time that delicate but vital organ becomes diseased.

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our undivided attention to it. If it be a good book we shall find in it the highest activity of the author's soul. So to understand it we must shut out our environment, and lose, so far as possible, our personal identity. We must follow him closely through all his lines of thought; and understand his ideas, even if we are obliged to re-read several times many of the lines or some whole passages.

Now that such absorption in one's reading is possible we illustrate by a story we have read of Dante the great Italian poet. On a certain occasion he went to a street to see some grand procession, while waiting he took up a book from a stall near by and opening it he immediately became greatly interested, and so completely absorbed that he did not stir until he had finished it. He came to himself at last only to be informed that during his deep perusal of the book the procession has passed along not making the slightest impression upon his senses.

Then, if one is bent on knowledge, on educating himself, he must note all the valuable facts and ideas upon which he has alighted. This he may do as his own taste dictates; but one of these two ways is practical: To have a note book at hand, or if the book he is reading belongs to him, he may jot down as briefly as he pleases notes on the margin. This is the plan of many eminent scholars and of the majority of real students.

The practice of telling in one's own language to a friend the contents of the book he reads is helpful and makes the memory more recentive.

Then, lastly, we should apply our reading to our every day duties. When one reads properly his mental energies are developed and he gradually becomes independent of the authors. He begins to think for himself. He does not imitate so much their thoughts or words as their manner of thinking. He must apply to his every day duties those qualifications which have made them great, through appreciation of everything true and beautiful. "He must prove himself, after his intercourse with great souls, to be clearer in head, larger in heart, and nobler in action." This is the great end of reading.

Intelligent reading breaks down the barriers between nations, softens human animosity, annihilates sectarian prejudice, and selfishness, and begets a spirit of brotherly love and charity.

The humanizing influence of good literature, is well illustrated in the case of Sir Walter Scott. It is said of him that all his fame and knowledge, instead of making him arrogant and distant and unkind of common life, only ripened the innate virtues of his character, and made him more sympathetic, more sociable, more genial, more grandly simply.

Does your reading of books have this happy result? If it does not, then reading a thousand books will only the more unfit you to live among the great common class of the world.

It is the only test of intelligent, sound reading.

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WELL NAMED.



"Why do you call your twins 'Circumstances,' Jawkins?"

"Because, my dear boy, they are something over which I have no control."

Two Come-Ons.

"It was in this hall," says the ex-Democrat as he and his companion filed into the Coliseum, "that William Jennings Bryan made the speech which induced the Democrats to give him his first nomination for the Presidency."

"And it was right around the corner," said his companion, an expopulist, and the same year, too, that a fellow of the name of 'Bull Con Bob' made a speech to me that induced me to give him twenty dollars to see the hole in the lake."

Then the twain shook hands as one. —Judge.

Securing a Substitute.

The stork had deposited twins in the cozy little flat inhabited by Mr. and Mrs. Thirddore.

"You'd better send for your mother, Araminta," suggested Mr. Thirddore.

"Why, John, you know you can't get along with mother," was the wifely response.

"Yes; but somebody's got to tell the janitor,"—Plattsburg Post.

Verbiage.

"One hears much of legal verbiage," said the politician, "but there is a councilmanic verbiage as well. Here's a sample—the bill was passed by Common Council last Thursday:

"An ordinance to amend an ordinance entitled an ordinance supplementary to an ordinance entitled an ordinance relating to nuisances."—Philadelphia Press.

Precious.

Light had fallen over the Lincoln park zoo.

"I love you," whispered the big gentleman elephant.

"And I am worth my weight in gold?" ventured the beautiful lady elephant.

"Gold? Why, darling, you are worth your weight in peanuts."

And far away a laughing hyena chuckled to himself.

SUPERFLUOUS.



Physician—"What you need is more exercise. I would advise you to do more walking."

Patient—"Great heavens! I walk the floor all night long with the baby."

Waiting for Rain.

First Author—"Have you sold your story yet?"

Second Author—"No; I am waiting for a rain."

"Waiting for rain? What has that to do with it?"

"It's a rainy day story, and the editor would not think of accepting it in dry weather."

Why She Quit.

Lady—"And you cooked for Mr. and Mrs. De Jones for two years, you say?"

Applicant—"Yis, ma'am."

Lady—"Why did you leave them?"

Applicant—"O! didn't lave thim. ma'am; they wor after lavin' me. Th' both av thim doied av dyspepsie, ma'am."

Good Hunting.

"Is this a good place to hunt reed birds?" asked the amateur gunner.

"Sure," replied the boy, "you could hunt here for a week and never find none."—Philadelphia Ledger.

The Sunshine of Spring.

The Salve that cures without a scar is DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve. Cuts, Burns, Boils, Bruises and Piles disappear before the use of this salve as snow before the sunshine of spring. Miss H. M. Middleton, Thebes, Ill., says: "I was seriously afflicted with a fever sore that was very painful. DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve cured me in less than a week."

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MAN AS A HAIRY ANIMAL

Apart from the hairy Ainos of the north and a few freaks in the museums, man is generally regarded as a really gilded creature thereby being far removed from the hairy relatives. But a coating of hair on the human body is by no means useless, although it is useless as a protection against the weather. Dr. Ter Kidd of London has written a book on the direction of the hair on animals and man and has some interesting things to say. The arrangement of the hair tracts has a decided and varied slope, as in other mammals, and it is, possibly, Dr. Kidd thinks, to distinguish between "currents" inherited from animals and those due to dressing the hair. The whole matter of the hair is not by any means a new one. Most persons are indeed acquainted with the fact that the slope of hair on a monkey's arms is such as to allow rain to drip off when the animal puts those limbs in a particular position.

Habits of a given animal can be traced in the variations of the currents, which bear very distinct relations to its habits of life. The slope, for example, which Sydney Smith remarked, spends its life, like a young man in a state of suspense, has a downward tendency of hair. Then the complicated movements of ruminants have resulted in a complex series of meeting and opposing currents of hair.

In man himself the general practice of combing and tying up the hair left its undoubted traces. It is without interest to learn that out of 100 persons thirteen part their hair to the right, nine in the middle, and only eight on the left. As a consequence the infant, guiltless of influences, nevertheless shows indications of these three fashions in corresponding proportions.

Drink in the British Army. At the recent annual meeting of the Royal Army Temperance Association of England Lord Roberts made a statement that nearly, if not quite, per cent. of all the enlisted men of the British standing army was abstainers, and added that when the army was formerly called a national school of intemperance it was day recognized as a national school of temperance. The Army Temperance Association, which claims much of credit for the improved condition of the army in this respect, has been working in India for sixteen years in England for eleven years.

In India this association, has established a separate room for its members in every barracks, and efforts making to do the same in Great Britain, where the government voted an association a grant of \$3,800 last year. The association encourages the soldier in habits of sobriety, helps provide him with rational entertainment, supplies him with good reading and furnishes comfortable quarters for his leisure hours at the post where he is stationed.

He is not told that he shall drink, but is advised that his best interests require that he should not. He can get beer at the post canteen, he wants it, or he may let it alone. He is treated as a responsible individual, not as an untrustworthy drunkard, and the figures show that he is making steady progress toward sobriety.

Typical Japanese Humor.

Here is a typical Japanese humorous story: A quack doctor had scratched the wrong medicine for the only son of a certain family with result that the boy had died. The parents determined to have revenge. So they sued the doctor at a court law. The affair was eventually patched up, the quack giving the bereaved parents his own son in return for the one he had killed. Not long after this the doctor heard a knocking at his door one night. Going to the door he was informed that the wife of one of his neighbors was dangerously ill, and that his presence was required at once. The quack considered, my dear, that he was no knowing but that it may end their taking you from me."

Question a Stunner.

Prof. Simon Newcomb tells of a following incident which occurred during a recent visit paid by several young western women to the Washington observatory. "I had done best," said the astronomer, "to answer with credit to the government and myself the running fire of questions which my fair callers propounded. I think I had named even the remotest constellations for them, and was congratulating myself upon the outcome when one of the younger members of the party interjected: 'But, as it has never been proved that the stars are inhabited, how do the astronomers ever find out their names?'"

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## MAN AS A HAIRY ANIMAL.

Apart from the hairy Ainos of Japan and a few freaks in the museums mankind is generally regarded as a naturally naked creature thereby differing from his simian and other ancient relatives. But a coating of hair on the human body is by no means lacking, although it is useless as a protection against the weather. Dr. Walter Kidd of London has written a book on the direction of the hair in animals and man and has some interesting things to say. The arrangement of the hair tracts has a definite and varied slope, as in other mammals, and it is, possibly, Dr. Kidd thinks, to distinguish between hair "currents" inherited from antiquity and those due to dressing the hair. The whole matter of the hair of the hair is not by any means a new one. Most persons are indeed acquainted with the fact that the slope of the hair on a monkey's arms is such as to allow rain to drip off when the animal puts those limbs in a particular position.

Habits of a given animal can be traced in the variations of the hair currents, which bear very distinct relations to its habits of life. The sloth, for example, which, as Sydney Smith remarked, spends its life like a young curate distantly related to a bishop, in a state of suspense, has a uniform downward tendency of hair slope. Then the complicated movements of ruminants have resulted in a more complex series of meeting and opposing currents of hair.

In man himself the general practice of combing and tying up the hair has left its undoubted traces. It is not without interest to learn that out of 100 persons thirteen part their hair on the right, nine in the middle, and seventy-eight on the left. As a consequence the infant, guiltless of partings, nevertheless shows indications of these three fashions in corresponding proportions.

Drink in the British Army. At the recent annual meeting of the Royal Army Temperance Association of England Lord Roberts made the statement that nearly, if not quite, 25 per cent. of all the enlisted men of the British standing army was total abstainers, and added that whereas the army was formerly called a national school of intemperance it is today recognized as a national school of temperance. The Army Temperance Association, which claims much of the credit for the improved condition of the army in this respect, has been at work in India for sixteen years and in England for eleven years.

In India this association has established a separate room for its members in every barracks, and efforts are making to do the same in Great Britain, where the government voted the association a grant of \$3,800 last year. The association encourages the soldier in habits of sobriety, helps to provide him with rational entertainment, supplies him with good reading and furnishes comfortable quarters for his leisure hours at the post where he is stationed.

He is not told that he shall not drink, but is advised that his best interests require that he should not. He can get beer at the post canteen if he wants it, or he may let it alone. He is treated as a responsible individual, not as an untrustworthy boy, and the figures show that he is making steady progress toward sobriety.

Typical Japanese Humor. Here is a typical Japanese humorous story: A quack doctor had prescribed the wrong medicine for the only son of a certain family with the result that the boy had died. The parents determined to have revenge. So they sued the doctor at a court of law. The affair was eventually patched up, the quack giving the bereaved parents his own son in return for the one he had killed. Not long after this the doctor heard a loud knocking at his door one night. On going to the door he was informed that the wife of one of his neighbors was dangerously ill, and that his presence was required at once. Turning to his wife he said: "This requires consideration, my dear. There is no knowing but that it may end in their taking you from me."

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A HEALTHY OLD AGE  
OFTENTHEBESTPARTOFLIFE

Help for Women Passing Through Change of Life

Providence has allotted us each at least seventy years in which to fulfill our mission in life, and it is generally our own fault if we die prematurely.



Mrs. Mary Koehne

Nervous exhaustion invades disease. This statement is the positive truth.

When everything becomes a burden and you cannot walk a few blocks without excessive fatigue, and you break out into perspiration easily, and your face flushes, and you grow excited and shaky at the least provocation, and you cannot bear to be crossed in anything, you are in danger; your nerves have given out; you need building up at once! To build up woman's nervous system and during the period of change of life we know of no better medicine than Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. Here is an illustration. Mrs. Mary L. Koehne, 371 Garfield Avenue, Chicago, Ill., writes:

"I have used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for years in my family and it never disappoints; so when I felt that I was nearing the change of life I commenced treatment with it. I took in all about six bottles and it did me a great deal of good. It stopped my dizzy spells, pains in my back and the headaches with which I had suffered for months before taking the Compound. I feel that if it had not been for this great medicine for women that I should not have been alive to-day. It is splendid for women, old or young, and will surely cure all female disorders."

Mrs. Pinkham, of Lynn, Mass., invites all sick and ailing women to write her for advice. Her great experience is at their service, free of cost.

## ORIGIN OF THE LIGHT CURE.

Prof. Finsen, who died a few days ago at Copenhagen, was only 43 years of age, but for more than half of that time he had been ailing from liver and heart troubles. He adopted the most severe methods to keep himself alive. He was operated on a number of times. All his food and drink were carefully weighed. He spent the last three years of his life lying on his back. It was by a strange chance that Finsen took up the study which has made his name famous the world over. He had a gift for invention and produced widely varying things, as a dissecting knife, an improved breech-loading gun, a cool summer house, a cooking apparatus and some haematine lozenges. There fell into his hands a pamphlet dated 1832, by Dr. Pictou of New Orleans, which narrated that during the American war of independence some prisoners suffering from smallpox were shut up, by accident or design, in dark rooms. It was noticed that these men had no secondary favor, that there was no matter in the pox and that no scars were left by the disease.

This chance circumstance gave Finsen the hint which turned his ideas in the right direction. It had been pointed out by Prof. Wilmark in 1839 that the chemical rays of light, the blue-violet and the ultra-violet rays, inflamed the skin. Finsen conceived the notion and devised a method of using light from which had been removed the chemical rays which injure the skin. This was in 1893, and that the red light, or negative light, treatment has been widely used with beneficial effects for smallpox and other affections. While it does not cure smallpox, it prevents the secondary fever and the suppuration and scarring which follow.

Prof. Finsen developed the idea and in 1895 treated his first case of lupus. The electric-light treatment was eminently successful and the fame of his cure for a hideous disease, which had hitherto baffled medical skill, spread rapidly. Patients went to him from all parts of the country and some years later he was able to report that half of 800 cases treated down to November, 1901, were completely cured.

Information Wanted. "Are you a married man?" said the absentminded attorney, who was doing a cross-examining stunt. "No, sir," replied the witness. "I am a bachelor."

"Very well, sir," continued the lawyer. "Now kindly tell the court how long you have been a bachelor and what the circumstances were that induced you to become one."

## Pirating Foley's Honey and Tar.

Foley & Co., Chicago, originated Honey and Tar as a throat and lung remedy, and on account of the great merit and popularity of Foley's Honey and Tar many imitations are offered for the genuine. Ask for Foley's Honey and Tar and refuse any substitute offered as no other preparation will give the same satisfaction. It is mildly laxative. It contains no opiates and is safest for children and delicate persons. Sold by G. R. Wiley.

## WIT AND WISDOM.

Hubby—I wish you wouldn't make so many grammatical errors, my dear.

Wife—What's the matter with them? Ain't they as good as your mother used to make?

## GUARANTEED CURE FOR PILES

Itching, Bluid, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case, no matter of how long standing, in 6 to 14 days. First application gives ease and rest. 50c. If your druggist hasn't it send 50c in stamps and it will be forwarded post-paid by Paris Medicine Co. St. Louis Mo.

It's lots easier to slide down a banister than to climb a flight of stairs. You can slide down to obscurity without trouble, but it takes climbing to be somebody.

Dyspepsia—bane of human existence. Burdock Blood Bitters cures it permanently. Regulates and tones the stomach.

Kate—Tom, is an easy going fellow isn't he? Belle—I never thought so when he called on me.

Is it a burn? Use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. A cut? Use Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil. At your Druggists.

"I was out with my automobile eight hours yesterday."

"You mean to say you were in the machine that long?"

"No. I was in it an hour and under it seven hours fixing the breaks."

There's a pretty girl in an Alpine hat, A sweeter girl with a sailor brim, But the handsomest girl you'll ever see, Is the sensible girl who uses Rocky Mountain Tea.

G. R. WILEY.

"John said if I ever married again his ghost would come back and haunt me," said the widow.

"You reckon he'll be as good as his word?"

"I ain't a bit afeared of it. I've got two tons of granite over him and a spiked steel railin' all around. John's thar to stay."

Coughs and colds, down to the very borderland of consumption, yield to the soothing influence of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup.

Sad will be the day for you when you become absolutely contented with the life you are living, with the thoughts you are thinking and the deeds you are doing.

Only one remedy in the world that will at once stop itchininess of the skin in any part of the body. Doan's Ointment. At any drug store.

"Daddy, did you tell mother when you was courting her that you couldn't live without her?" "Maybe I did, my boy. I was young and foolish then. I know better now."

It makes no difference how many medicines have failed to cure you, if you are troubled with headache, constipation, kidney or liver troubles, Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea will make you well.

G. R. WILEY.

"Sometimes," said the poet. "I am almost afraid that I take myself too seriously."

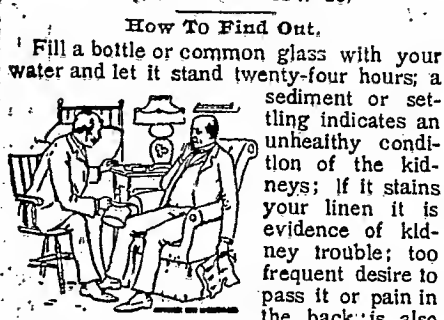
"Oh, well, never mind," replied his kind hearted friend, "there's no harm done if you do. Everybody else regards you as a joke."

Beautiful eyes and handsome face are eloquent commendations. Bright eyes are windows to a woman's soul. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes bright eyes. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets.

G. R. WILEY.

If people had to sit on as uncomfortable seats at a church as at the circus, how they would roar! This is one of the things that prove the influence of mind over matter.

## Thousands Have Kidney Trouble and Don't Know It.



How To Find Out.

Fill a bottle of common glass with your water and let it stand twenty-four hours; a sediment or settling indicates an unhealthy condition of the kidneys; if it stains your linen it is evidence of kidney trouble; too frequent desire to pass it or pain in the back is also a convincing proof that the kidneys and bladder are out of order.

What To Do.

There is comfort in the knowledge so often expressed, that Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, the great kidney remedy, fulfills every wish in curing rheumatism, pain in the back, kidneys, liver, bladder and every part of the urinary passage. It corrects inability to hold water and scalding pain in passing it, or bad effects following use of liquor, wine or beer, and overcomes that unpleasant necessity of being compelled to go often during the day, and to get up many times during the night. The mild and the extraordinary effect of Swamp-Root is soon realized. It stands the highest for its wonderful cures of the most distressing cases. If you need a medicine you should have the best. Sold by druggists in 50c. and \$1. sizes. You may have a sample bottle of this wonderful discovery and a book that tells more about it, both sent absolutely free by mail.

Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Swamp-Root Co., Binghamton, N.Y. When writing men- tion reading this generous offer in this paper. Don't make any mistake, but remember the name, Swamp-Root, Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, and the address, Binghamton, N.Y., on every bottle.

## FARM MECHANICS.

## A Good Set of Tools Should Always be on Hand.

In many of our agricultural colleges instruction is now given in farm mechanics. The use of modern machinery in carrying on farm operations has brought about the necessity of a better knowledge of the principles underlying the use of farm implements and tools. In order that the young man may secure a thorough training in agriculture, fitting him for practical farmwork, it is essential that he should understand farm machinery and the use of tools, hence the farm mechanics course in our agricultural schools.

We have often observed farmers wrestling with some piece of farm machinery and condemning its utility when the fault lay in the operator not understanding the principle by which it worked. A few suggestions given at such a time has often made the implement one of the best ever seen. Study the principles of a new farm implement and understand in the beginning just exactly what it is expected to do.

Then again, there are often many little jobs of carpentry and tinkering on the farm which could easily be done by the farmer if he would only try. In order to do this in the best manner possible, the amateur should provide himself with a good set of tools. Among the tools that should be kept in the workshop on every farm are the following: A brace and set of bits; rip, crosscut and keyhole saws; a steel square; a pair of dividers; a tri-square; at least two kinds of planes, gauge, level, square, oil, stone, drawing knife, a half dozen chisels of different sizes; hand ax; hammers; hatchets and a grindstone. Provide the workshop with a work bench and possibly an anvil. Such an outfit can be bought without any great expenditure of money and its price may be saved many times over during the year. Not only is this saving due to the dollars that it would cost to have the work done by a regular mechanic but in the saving of time required to take the work to the nearest town during a busy season or at a time when the blacksmith or the machinist is rushed with work. The wise farmer should also arrange to have plenty of extras on hand that are likely to be needed at any time. These extras should be put away where they may be found readily.

## Soap Grown on Trees.

Soap from the fruit of a tree is one of the new things reported from abroad. The scaberry tree is well known in Japan, China and India; the soap plant grows in California, and its bulb, when husked and rubbed up on wet clothing, produces a thick lather; the cleansing properties of soap bark which comes from the western coast of South America are universally known. But this new tree is said to differ from its brethren, in that its product possesses no alkaline qualities. The plant bears a fruit about the size of a horse chestnut, smooth and round. The color varies from a yellowish green to brown. The pulp is of a dark color, and the kernel is oily. A well grown tree yields from fifty to two hundred pounds of fruit in a season, and by the use of water or alcohol, the saponaceous ingredient is extracted. The cost of production is declared to be inconsiderable, and arrangements are being made to manufacture this natural soap on a large scale.

## Poisons in Foods

Perhaps you don't realize that many pain poisons originate in your food, but some day you may feel a twinge of dyspepsia that will convince you. Dr. King's New Life Pills are guaranteed to cure a sickness due to poisons of undigested food—or money back, 25c a all druggists.

## FOLEY'S KIDNEY CURE

Makes Kidneys and Bladder Right

## MADE-TO-ORDER SHOES.

Few Required Nowadays and but Little Profit in Them.

"We don't have many orders for handmade shoes in these days," remarked a Georgetown cobbler, and it's just as well, because there is no money in it. It takes two days to make a pair, and then we can only ask \$3 for them.

"No, there aren't any people who care to pay that price for shoes when they can buy the machine made ones for \$5. Such customers as I do have are people who have feet that are hard to fit and who are willing to wear the same style right along, regardless of what others wear, so long as they are comfortable."

"I'll tell you, though, shoes are much more expensive in this country than they are in the old. Why, on the other side of the water you can easily have a pair of shoes made for \$3 or \$4. But not here—no, sir! I have one customer, however, for whom I have made shoes for over ten years. He is willing to pay the price for his comfort and he is able to, also."—Washington Post.

## No Clock a Perfect Timepiece.

Astronomers expect a great deal of clocks, and no instrument yet devised to measure time has reached their ideal of exactitude. Their efforts are constantly directed toward the perfection of their timepieces and the improvement of the conditions under which to run them. They are placed in air-tight cases in underground vaults where they shall be as free as possible from changes of temperature and of barometric pressure. So far the clock that has most nearly measured up to the astronomical standard of correctness is the one installed, in 1865 by Prof. Forester in the basement of the Berlin Observatory. It is enclosed in three months with an average daily closed in an air-tight cylinder of glass, and has often run for periods of two or three months with an average daily deviation of as little as fifteen one-thousandths of a second.—Boston Transcript.

## REFLECTIONS

In a snail-eating contest in Paris a few days ago the victor ate 243 snails.

A coast-defense rifle weighing seventeen tons has been mounted at Havre.

A Paris jewelry clerk says he was hypnotized for fifteen minutes while the hypnotist stole a lot of diamond rings.

A society has been founded in Paris for the prehistoric study of France.

A sportsman has been fined \$30 for shooting a carrier pigeon in flight.

All electric wires in Paris are underground.

Fifty years' imprisonment was the sentence recently given a seventeen-year-old Lyons footpad.

In the last year France has imported over 2,000,000 watches from the United States, mostly of the dollar kind.

## Fight with a Snake on a Scaffold.

Fred Morehead had an encounter with a big blacksnake which he will remember for some time. Mr. Morehead had taken the contract to paint the iron bridge which spans the Hocking River just south of Haydensville and was engaged at his work when he encountered the reptile.

He was painting the under side of the structure from a swinging scaffold, and pushing his brush filled with paint into a crevice where the under beams rest on the abutments he received an introduction to the ophidian which was not to his liking. When his snakeship was disturbed he quickly darted his wide open mouth and darting tongue toward the intruder. Having no weapon but a large putty knife, the painter gave battle, and in a short time the reptile's head was severed from its body. The snake measured five feet in length.—Logan, Ohio, Journal-Gazette.

## Bells to Prevent Storms.

An instance of the absurdity of some of the notions held by our ancestors was the notion that the ringing of church bells had a counteracting effect in a thunderstorm. It was supposed that the vibration of the air caused by the movement of the bells resulted in the dissipation of the electric fluid in the air. The belief was so common at one time that the priests had the bells rung as soon as signs of an approaching thunderstorm were seen. Science now holds a contrary opinion. Not only does the sound have no possible effect on the air, but the vibration created by the sound of a bell upon a cloud charged with electricity may cause it to discharge its contents upon the ringer of the bell in the church tower.

## Miniature Railway.

Germany possesses a miniature but most useful railway to which no parallel is found in this country. Its peculiarity is that its trains have no drivers. It is used for carrying salt from the salt mines at Stassfurt. The trains consist of thirty trucks, each carrying half a ton of salt. The engines are electric, of 24 horse-power each. As it approaches a station, of which there are five along the line, the train automatically rings a bell and the station attendant turns a switch to receive it. He is able to stop it at any moment. To start it again he stands on the locomotive, switches the current, and then descends again before the engine has gained speed.

In order to join the great silent majority a man must either die or get married.

## FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR

The original LAXATIVE cough remedy.

The genuine FOLEY'S HONEY AND TAR is a Yellow package. Refuse substitutes. Prepared only by Foley & Company, Chicago.

## Fire Association

of PHILADELPHIA.

Assets Dec. 31, 1904.  
Real Estate, \$42,000.00  
Mortgage Loans, \$1,251,156.00  
Collateral Loans, \$73,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,849,061.75  
Cash in Office and Bank, \$145,776.02  
Agents' Balances, \$53,666.02  
Interest and Rents, \$55,396.46  
All other Assets, \$7,115.05

Gross Assets, \$6,550,172.39  
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,035.00  
Admitted Assets, \$5,515,137.39

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1904.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$306,643.69  
Unearned Premiums, \$473,339.83  
Cash Capital, \$500,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$1,018,263.87  
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$6,533,237.39  
W. J. WHEELER & CO., Agents.  
40 C South Paris, Maine.

## London &amp; Lancashire Fire Insurance Company.

of LIVERPOOL, ENGLAND.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1904.

Real Estate, \$300,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, \$2,030,160.08  
Cash in Office and Bank, \$127,542.36  
Agents' Balances, \$360,865.27  
Bills Receivable, \$1,318.00  
Interest and Rents, \$10,612.09  
All other Assets, \$149,739.77

Gross Assets, \$3,839,097.57  
Deduct items not admitted, \$1,777.16

Admitted Assets, \$3,837,320.41

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1904.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$137,703.15  
Unearned Premiums, \$1,267,703.44  
All other Liabilities, \$56,875.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$2,055,000.32  
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$3,089,285.91  
F. REELAND HOWE, Agent.  
40 C NORWAY, MAINE.

## The General Accident Assurance Corporation Limited, of Great Britain.

Assets Dec. 31, 1904.

Real Estate, \$8,745.87  
Mortgage Loans, \$25,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, \$401,406.03  
Cash in Office and Bank, \$1,096.15  
Agents' Balances, \$78,136.89  
Interest and Rents, \$1,443.35  
All other Assets, \$13,399.46

Gross Assets, \$515,118.07  
Deduct items not admitted, \$25,112.41

Admitted Assets, \$489,995.66

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1904.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$73,014.45  
Unearned Premiums, \$80,185.47  
All other Liabilities, \$16,191.08  
Cash Capital, Deposit U.S., \$250,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$73,014.45  
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$566,295.54  
GAGNE & TANQUAY, Agents.  
40 C LEWISTON, MAINE.

## United States Branch, Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society.

NORWICH, ENGLAND.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1904.

Mortgage Loans, \$13,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, \$1,056,794.75  
Cash in Office and Bank, \$147,482.05  
Agents' Balances, \$243,319.47  
Interest and Rents, \$21,757.65  
All other Assets, \$76.97

Gross Assets, \$2,760,730.58  
Deduct items not admitted, \$8,060.81

Admitted Assets, \$2,752,669.77

Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1904.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$176,241.69  
Unearned Premiums, \$1,049,524.27  
All other Liabilities, \$2,055.04  
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$94,968.77  
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$2,752,280.37  
40 C NORWAY, MAINE.

## Granite State Fire Ins. Co.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Assets, Dec. 31, 1904.

Real Estate, \$25,000.00  
Mortgage Loans, \$3,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds, \$51,131.00  
Cash in Office and Bank, \$9,065.43  
Agents' Balances, \$4,582.28  
Interest and Rents, \$1,312.30  
All other Assets, \$100.00

Gross Assets, \$83,110.44  
Liabilities, Dec. 31, 1904.

Net Unpaid Losses, \$17,051.96  
Unearned Premiums, \$147,705.64  
All other Liabilities, \$4,184.42  
Cash Capital, \$200,000.00  
Surplus over all Liabilities, \$127,717.42  
Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$385,997.44  
F. REELAND HOWE, Agent.  
39 NORWAY, MAINE.

## Statement United States Branch ROYAL INSURANCE CO.

of Liverpool, England.

Assets, December 31, 1904.

Real Estate owned by the Company, unincumbered, \$1,576,000.63  
Loans on Bonds and Mortgage, (first liens) \$320,000.00  
Stocks and Bonds owned by the Company, Market value, \$4,229,451.43  
Cash in Company's principal office and in banks, \$421,382.17  
Interest due and accrued, \$61,959.01  
Premiums in due course of collection, other property, \$91,768.14  
Aggregate of all the admitted assets of the Co. at their actual value, \$3,159,822.07

Liabilities, December 31, 1904.

Net amount of unpaid losses and claims, \$400,179.02  
Amount required to safely reimburse all outstanding risks, \$4,514,338.67  
All other demands against the Company, viz: commissions, etc., \$19,965.03  
Total amount of liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus, \$5,134,182.72  
Surplus beyond capital, \$3,095,432.25  
Aggregate amount of liabilities, including net surplus, \$8,455,322.07  
FIELD & COWLES, Managers, Boston, Mass.  
F. REELAND HOWE, Agent, Norway, Me.

## One Minute Cough Cure

For Coughs, Colds and Whooping Cough.



## WANT COLUMN.

## Wanted.

Wood, green and dry. Inquire at the News office.

## Wanted.

Ten men in each state to travel, tack signs and distribute samples and circulars of our goods. Salary \$75.00 per month, \$3.00 per day for expenses.

2m35 KUHLNAN CO.,  
Dept. S., Atlas Building, Chicago.

## Wanted.

Delivered at our factory the coming winter one-half million feet of beech, birch, maple, oak, pine, spruce, hemlock and fir logs, also five hundred cords white birch. We pay cash.

BETHEL MANUFACTURING CO.

P. S. We have a few logging contracts which we will let to the right parties. Inquire of J. H. Barrows at the Chair Factory. 24

## Farm for Sale.

A nice farm situated in Lewiston within three miles of the city, on electric road; fifty acres of land, about equally divided as to pasture and tillage land; has thirty or forty fruit trees; a spring of pure water near house, also nice well water, excellent set of farm buildings including large hen-house, new; cellar under house, all and stable; excellent land to cultivate, and cuts twenty-five tons of hay; early land, and excellent markets for vegetables, berries and all farm produce; never failing brook runs through the pasture. Will sell at a bargain and on easy terms. For particulars inquire of, or address,

E. C. BOWLER,  
Bethel, Maine.

WANTED—American women between 18 and 30 years of age to work as attendants in the Medfield Insane Asylum at Medfield Junction, Mass., 20 miles from Boston. Wages increase with length of service. An opportunity to become a trained nurse. Address, Dr. EDWARD FRENCH, 1y47 Medfield, Mass.

AGENTS WANTED, AT LIBERAL COMMISSION

To introduce and sell "Sunshine," the best furniture polish in the world. It sells on sight. You can make money this winter. For particulars write, OREN HOOPER'S SONS, Portland, Me.

POLEY'S HONEY AND TAR  
Cures Colds, Prevents Pneumonia

## CHOICE MEATS.



In addition to my usual stock of  
**Staple and Fancy Groceries, Cigars, Confectionery, etc.**  
I KEEP ON HAND  
Beef, Pork, Ham, Sausage,  
Breakfast Bacon, Tripe,  
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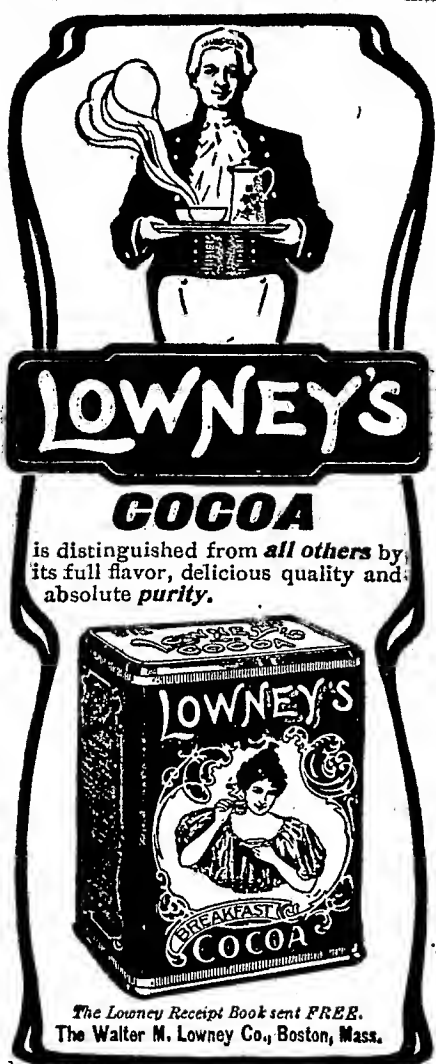
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## Thoughts on the International Sunday School Lessons.

(BY REV. CHARLES N. GLEASON.)  
Lesson for Feb. 26, 1905.

Subject:—"The miracle of the loaves and fishes." Scripture, John 6:1-14. Golden Text, John 6:51.

First.—We are studying several miracles in these lessons, and it may be that some have asked why they see no miracles today. There are blind, lame, deaf, fever-smitten souls; why, if the Lord helped men as these lessons declare, does not He heal them now? The second verse of our lesson today and other scripture passages tell us the reason why these wonders were done, that the people might get interested in Christ and follow Him. A new religion was being preached, Jesus was a new teacher; the miracles were performed not only nor even chiefly that sufferers might be relieved, but that men might be attracted to this great physician, first for bodily healing but second and chiefly for sin healing. Men then believed in the teachings of Christ because they saw the miracles; we now believe the miracles because of the matchless teachings of the Christ. If we needed miracles today we would doubtless behold them; but we do not need proof of the reality of either Christ or his teachings. We know enough; to do and to desire to do is what we need. Now no miracles of healing, no wonder working will send us along the path of known duty; to accomplish this we need the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and that miracle, the Divine power working in the life of man, is still performed for all that will receive Him, daily.

Second.—We are told that "Jesus had compassion on the multitude." Does He today? Read of the multitudinous sufferers in Russia; go into any of our great cities and mark the suffering there; go to any one of a thousand hospitals and witness, if you can bear it, the suffering there, and almost instinctively you say "Can it be that God sees and loves and yet lets all this go on?" Yes, it is hard to understand, and yet it is not God's plan (and a very good one) to give men the opportunity to work out their own salvation from disease and difficulties? Bear in mind that the great majority of this world's suffering is caused by sin (ours or that of some other by which we suffer vicariously) much is caused by folly and neglect, but these are sinful when persisted in and we do not take the trouble to learn and be warned by experience. That men may grow in wisdom, strength of character and of mind, that they may learn how to take care of themselves and of one another; and that sympathy, fellowship in suffering, and the solidarity of the race may be more fully realized, are doubtless reasons why God does not spring to our relief and by a constant series of miracles heal the sick and relegate suffering to oblivion. But this is not to say that God never does interfere to succor the needy today. There are doubtless miracles of healing still performed by Him in answer to prayer. There is no assertion of proof that the heavens are shut up against man; indeed the very reverse is true. His ear is still open to our cry, his arm long and strong enough to save! But He would save us through ourselves; He would make us ministers of grace to our world; so we are to observe the laws of health and keep well or when unavoidably sick, to call in the physician and the nurse, and asking God's blessing, upon efforts, use the means Providence has put in our hands; and so with all the ills of life.

Third.—We see that Jesus asked a question of Philip to test him. Are not these great questions in God's world here to test us? Our faith, our courage, our grit, resources, energy, invention, skill? Do not let us complain, but put mind and heart to the solving of life's problems and so grow in grace, knowledge and power.

Fourth.—Notice the "five barley loaves and the two small fishes." These loaves were small too, perhaps the whole portion was not too much for a hungry boy's lunch. This for a great multitude! Why attempt

anything with such a little? Oh, just such a question as this has spoiled many an effort. Do you know that all the great things in our world have come from the very small? This is true of the world itself and of all the grand enterprises that have been realized. Let us not cast aside the small portion, or selfishly use it for our own satisfaction if others about us are starving.

Fifth.—But how did this little do so much? It was the food plus the Christ's blessing, that accomplished the deed! Nothing has ever been done by any man, saint or sinner, but as the power of God has added to his little! One must have and use the forces of Nature, they are God's! The very physical and mental power by which a man works, God given! But the best and highest results are accomplished only as man consciously and devoutly puts himself under His direction and plans and works with God!

Sixth.—Again we see how these disciples are taken into Jesus' confidence and made His agents in the bestowal of blessing. He gave the bread and fish to them and they gave to the multitude. This is a proof of what we said under Second, that God would alleviate want and suffering through men. But here is also a picture of spiritual feeding. The bread of life; the Bible, the Church with its services, prayer, spiritual communion and spiritual culture, all these are as the passing of the food by the disciples. From the Christ first, with His blessing; then from minister, christian brother or sister, parent to child, little one to parent, teacher to pupil; from hand to hand, from heart to heart, so God bless His world. Let us have a share in the passing of His divine blessings to our fellows; material, mental, social, spiritual values sent from God to His world, and increasing in quantity and worth as we pass them on.

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